

Telepathy and Clairvoyance

Following a logical thought process

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Some years back I began to wonder why we don't have telepathy, clairvoyance and things of that nature.

Oh, I know there are some cases which seem genuine. I've had them myself. Little moments when we think of a word or a mental image of something and then, after thinking of it, it turns up. You know the sort of thing. For seemingly no reason at all the idea of a green book cover pops into your mind and ten minutes later your friend arrives with a book which has a green cover. Or something like that. We wonder about it and then we forget it.

We wonder and then forget because there's not much else we *can* do.

We might experiment with trying to make it happen again but it doesn't, or not until some other time when we're not expecting it.

It is out of our control.

People who claim to control it are generally exposed as fakers. No-one has proved the reality of such things and, if you did have control and could prove it under laboratory conditions the military would grab you with a view to potentially weaponising you.

But I was puzzling about the question: Why didn't we evolve as telepathy-enabled beings? If it is possible then why would we not want it? Why would generations and generations of humans shy away from being able to read each others' minds?

Then it dawned on me.

When you think about it in those terms it becomes obvious.

We would all be reading each others' minds all the time and then, inevitably, we would merge into a vast worldwide hive mind! That would be the end result of having daily access to telepathy or clairvoyance! We would form one huge mind with no individual personality!

Now, here's a fact: Individual personality is one of the greatest things in life.

Individual personality is what makes life worth living.

I love the fact that other people think differently to me. Sure, it can be frustrating when you're talking at crossed purposes but it's challenging and enriching to our lives.

I love that when I'm reading a good book I'm marvelling at the ideas the writer has and the way their mind works. I love that other people think of different things than the ones which I

would've thought of. I love that sometimes I'm right and you're wrong and sometimes you're right and I'm wrong. Hurrah for the difference!

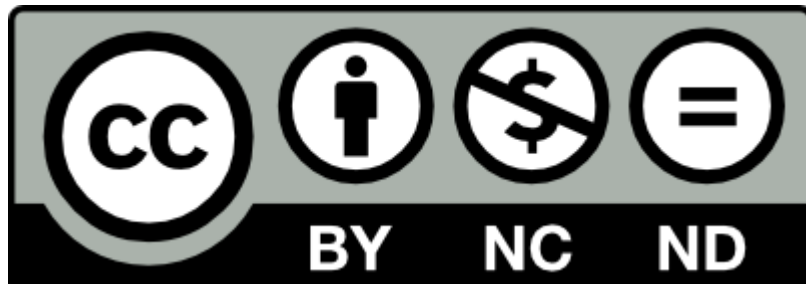
So I can see it more clearly now.

Our brains do seem to have the ability to sometimes get a glimpse of something before it happens, knowledge of the future seems to be a real thing but it's usually trivial and not much help. An instinct pushes us away from knowing too much about it. We don't want to lose the great thing that we've got, which is personality.

So, actually, the fact that we can't see inside each other's heads all the time is a great blessing.

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